

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The U.S. Census Bureau's mission is to provide quality statistical information about the nation's people, places, and economy. By law, the Census Bureau is required to keep confidential the information you provide. We are seeking your feedback on the Proof of Concept for the Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A (Detailed DHC-A).

The Detailed DHC-A and Detailed DHC-B are successors to the American Indian and Alaska Native Summary File (AIANSF) produced in previous censuses. The Detailed DHC-A Proof of Concept demonstrates how the product's differentially private algorithm, called *SafeTab-P*, determines the amount of data each tribe or village will receive based on population size and geography level while ensuring sufficient confidentiality protections. We will obtain feedback on the Detailed DHC-B at a later date. We remain committed to continuing engagements with tribal leaders and AIAN data users in future consultations about Census data products.

Input on the 2020 Census Data Products

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, issued November 6, 2000, the Census Bureau has adhered to its tribal consultation policy by seeking the input of tribal governments in the planning and implementation of the 2020 Census with the goal of ensuring that the 2020 Census data products meet the needs of the American Indian and Alaska Native population as well as detailed American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages.

In that regard, the Census Bureau is seeking your feedback on the Proof of Concept for the Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A (Detailed DHC-A). The 2020 Detailed DHC-A is planned for release in August 2023. The release date for the 2020 Detailed DHC-B, which will provide additional characteristics on the AIAN population, is to be determined.

Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A (Detailed DHC-A)

- Subjects: Population counts and sex by age statistics for approximately 370 detailed racial and ethnic groups, such as German, Lebanese, Jamaican, Chinese, Native Hawaiian, and Mexican, as well as about 1,200 detailed American Indian and Alaska Native tribal and village population groups, such as Native Village of Hooper Bay (Naparyarmiut) and the Navajo Nation.
- The Detailed DHC-A uses a design that determines the amount of data racial and ethnic groups receive based on population size and geography level. This design will use minimum population counts to determine eligibility for a total population count table and an age by sex table. The 2010 AIANSF used a single population threshold of 100 for every table and every geographic area. The Detailed DHC-A

uses dynamic population thresholds all of which are less than 100 for the Proof of Concept product.

- Access: data.census.gov.
- Geographies: Nation, state, county, American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) areas, place (cities and towns) and census tract.
- Planned release date: August 2023.

Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File (Detailed DHC-B)

- Subjects: Household type and tenure (i.e., owner- or renter-occupied) for the same detailed race and ethnicity groups and American Indian and Alaska Native tribal and village population groups mentioned for the Detailed DHC-A.
- The Detailed DHC-B has a proposed design similar to the Detailed DHC-A.
- Access: data.census.gov.
- Geographies: Nation, state, county, American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) areas, place (cities and towns) and census tract.
- Planned release date: To be determined.

Requested Input:

If we release the Detailed DHC-A using the current specifications outlined in the Proof of Concept, will your tribe be impacted positively, negatively, or not at all? Please provide the level of geography, description of the use case(s), and implications should the data be released as reflected in this Proof of Concept.

How to Submit your Input and Comments

Tribal leaders are encouraged to submit comments and feedback during the tribal consultation and/or after the consultation before the deadline of March 2, 2023.

Input and comments are due by March 2, 2023. Submit your comments by email. Send comments to: 2020DAS@census.gov and use "2020 Census Detailed DHC-A" in the subject line.